

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 24 and ending on page 7, line 10, with the following amended paragraph:

A<sup>1</sup> Figures 5-8 illustrate the drag-and-drop operation in accordance with exemplary embodiments of the present invention. Therein, blocks performing similar functions as in Figure 1 retain the same reference numerals. In Figure 5, Window 1 is an active window 12 and Window 2 is an inactive window 14. If it is desired to move an icon 20, e.g., Folder A, from Window 1 to Window 2 the cursor 10 is placed over Folder A in Window 1 and Folder A is selected. The selection of Folder A is illustrated by the highlighted icon. As illustrated in Figure 6 when Folder A is dragged to a visible portion of Window 2 and a predetermined amount of time has passed, Window 2 is brought to the top-most layer of the desktop and becomes the active window 16. Moreover, Window 1 becomes an inactive window 18. Those skilled in the art will appreciate that since the chosen item is not yet dropped, Folder A is still considered an item in Window 1. Thus, as illustrated in Figure 6 the status bar of Window 1 indicates that Window 1 contains 2 items, including Folder A. If the user determines that Window 2 is the desired destination window, the user can release Folder A in Window 2.